
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: MARCH 6, 2002, SOUTHERN GROWTH POLICIES BOARD CONFERENCE CALL
DATE 3/6/02
CC: FILE

Below is a summary of the Southern Growth Policies Board's Executive Committee conference call today:

1. Southern Technology Council: Focus is on getting each state's ten-year targets for the Invented Here benchmarks. We've got to do this. Per your approval, I'll get Clay Lewis of MDA and Angie Dvorak to draft benchmarks for your approval.

Tell Lewis & Dvorak to proceed _____ Other _____

The Council's next meeting is Saturday, June 8, in Hilton Head before the annual meeting starts on Sunday, June 9.

2. Global Strategies Council: The Council just held its 4th meeting in Mobile. It is developing a strategic plan for the region which will focus on the 4 goals of:
 - Doubling the number of jobs and wealth received from global trade
 - Increasing the South's image of technical expertise overseas through charitable work and development projects on the university level
 - Increasing global businesses in the South
 - Building communities and individuals capable of surviving in the global economy
3. Council on the Southern Community:: The Council just held its first meeting last week in Little Rock. It appears as if the Council will focus on leadership. Jim Clinton pointed out that appointments to all of the Councils have been too male and too white. He is going to work with governors having remaining appointments on more diverse appointments. The Executive Committee recommended that this issue be discussed at the SGPB meeting on June 9 in Hilton Head.
4. Council for a New Economy Workforce:: The Council will meet again in late March in Louisville and will develop this year's recommendations for the 2002 Report on the Future of

the South. These recommendations will need to be approved by the Executive Committee prior to Hilton Head.

5. Annual Conference in Hilton Head (June 9-11): Jim Clinton asked that we all encourage our colleagues to attend the conference. The agenda and speakers are almost finalized. \$40,000 has been raised to-date by Governor Hodges' fundraising committee with a goal of \$250,000. I've told Jill to make sure these dates are on your calendar and also asked her to put the Southern Technology Council meeting on June 8. Hilton Head is a great golfing destination, so you need to be sure to take your clubs with you.

Also, I will most likely be out on maternity leave at this point, so please let me know who will need to staff you so that we can make sure they register at the early discount rate. I've attached the agenda for your reference. Armerita and Steve both serve on SGPB councils on your behalf. Armerita staffed you at TeleComm III in Atlanta in January. Workforce will be a focus Hilton Head. Jim Clinton has said that one of the big panel discussions will be the Monday, 1:45 panel on the automobile industry in the region, so you might want to consider Steve.

_____ to staff me in Hilton Head

6. Finance Report: Jim Clinton said that the keys to this year's budget are 1) membership dues 2) conference fundraising and 3) increasing associate memberships (from universities, non-profits and corporations).

As you will be serving as SGPB chairman beginning in June, I think it would be beneficial for us if we could involve some additional Mississippi corporations in SGPB. I was thinking that I could work with Jim Clinton and Stacey to identify some potential corporate sponsors that are not currently affiliated with SGPB and then you could maybe host a dinner for them at the mansion with Jim Clinton to educate them as to SGPB. This would enable them to be on board when we start fundraising for next year's annual meeting in Biloxi. Please advise as to if you want me to work on this.

Move forward _____

Don't act on this now _____